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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) 147 schools have been allotted and all the schools have been opened.

" (c) Does not arise."

* 1481 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of single-teacher schools opened in Malabar up to December 1954; and

(b) the total number of schools proposed to be opened in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 65.

" (b) 90."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, may I know how much response there is from the public for this new scheme, what approximately is the average attendance and what are the subjects that are taught in the schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a single-teacher school is the usual elementary school. It is not a special kind of school. There has been very good response. In some villages, the attendance has increased considerably and it has become necessary to appoint another teacher in those schools."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister replied that 147 schools were allotted and that all of them have been opened. Many schools were allotted but they were not opened for want of accommodation. The Government say that these schools will be opened if accommodation is provided. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any specific mention was made in the report sent to the Planning Commission that the schools will be opened only if accommodation is provided by the villagers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not see how schools can be opened without sufficient accommodation. Therefore, accommodation is essential. The question is who is to provide the accommodation. We have laid down that villagers should come forward to provide the accommodation and that they should also take some interest in the matter. In areas where it is not possible for the villagers to provide accommodation, the Government take that into consideration and steps are being taken to provide accommodation."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Sir, there was a time when these single-teacher schools were discouraged by the Government, but now they are advocating the opening of such schools. May I know the policy of the Government in this matter."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is not the policy of the Government to continue these schools as single-teacher schools. This is only a beginning. They will be stabilized by the addition of further teachers as and when the strength improves."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" In view of the fact that in most of the single-teacher schools ordered to be opened by the Government the strength has considerably increased and single teachers cannot cope up with the teaching work, will the Government consider the desirability of appointing additional hands wherever necessary? Will the Government also issue instructions to district boards permitting them to appoint additional hands? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is what I have answered already. Wherever the strength justifies the employment of additional teachers, they will be appointed."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that more single-teacher schools are not allowed to be opened because the schools that were already opened are not working successfully."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think the stage has come to pass a judgment over single-teacher schools. Only recently they have been opened and I am not prepared to say that they are not working well. We must wait for some more time."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that certain schools have not been opened for want of accommodation. For want of accommodation the opening of the schools need not be delayed. Is there any objection to the Government to open these schools under greenwood trees? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, priority is given to villages where the villagers come forward to provide accommodation for these schools and in the Chingleput district all the 147 schools have been opened. But where villagers are not in a position to provide accommodation, they have been left behind and villagers who are prepared to provide accommodation have been given the facilities."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from 9-20
the Hon. Minister whether preference is given to trained personnel a.m.
or untrained personnel in the matter of appointment of teachers to these single-teacher schools? May I also know why untrained teachers who have no professional teaching experience at all are appointed as teachers in preference to trained teachers? As far as my information goes, in Malabar district, applications from trained teachers are generally rejected."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as my information goes all persons who had undergone training already are given preference and are absorbed as teachers in these

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schools. It is only when trained teachers are not available, untrained personnel are drafted into service. I do not think there are so many trained teachers to fill up all the schools with trained personnel.''

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—'' May I know whether it is a fact that the Malabar District Board has requested the Government to open 100 more single-teacher schools? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I want notice.''

SRI N. C. RAMASWAMY KANDER :—'' மலைப் பிரதேசங்களில் எஸ்.எஸ்.எல்.ஸி. படித்தவர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் அந்தப் பிரதேசத்திலுள்ள ஓராசிரியர் பள்ளிக்கு டவுன்களிலிருந்து ஆசிரியர்களை ஜில்லா போர்டு நியமிக்கிறது. ஆனால் டவுனிலிருந்து மலைப் பிரதேசங்களில் அவர்கள் வந்து வேலை சரியாகச் செய்யாததால் அந்தப் பள்ளிகள் எல்லாம் மூடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே அந்தந்தப் பிராந்தியத்திலுள்ள படித்தவர்களைத்தான் முதலில் அந்தந்தப் பிராந்தியங்களில் நியமிக்கவேண்டுமென்றும், ஆள் கிடைக்காதபட்சத்தில் வெளியிலிருந்து நியமிக்கலாம் என்றும் உத்திரவு போடுவார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—''அங்கத்தினர் சொல்லுகிற யோசனையை பரிசீலனை செய்து பார்த்து அதற்குத் தகுந்த உத்திரவு போடுகிறேன்.''

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—'' May I know from the Hon. Minister whether he has received any report from single-teacher schools for the appointment of additional teachers due to increase in the strength in these schools? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Many requests have been received for additional teachers.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' The responsibility for opening single-teacher schools is left to the district boards. As far as Chingleput District Board is concerned, it was stated that 148 schools had been sanctioned. May I submit in all humility that not all the schools have been opened. The information given by the Minister that all the schools have been opened is wrong. I wish to know how many classes does a teacher handle in a single-teacher school and what arrangements the Government or the district boards are making or have made to train the teachers appointed in these single-teacher schools as most of them are untrained S.S.L.C. candidates? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' We have a scheme to give them training for a short period, for six weeks or so and I am not sure about the period of training. Steps are being taken to give them training for a short period.

As regards the question of opening single-teacher schools, no doubt it was left to district boards. But as the district boards failed to open them, we had a Special District Educational Officer appointed for this purpose for each region and they took steps to have the schools opened.''

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Sri V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" So for as I know, almost all the schools that have been sanctioned have been opened in Chingleput district."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :— :" May I know whether it is not a fact that single-teacher schools are nothing new and even before this scheme of opening single-teacher schools was introduced there were single-teacher schools in a good number of villages? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Permit me, Sir, to listen to the questions put. Hon. Members are carrying on a conversation."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The remark made by the Hon. Minister is a reflection on the Chair. I hope, hereafter, perfect silence will be maintained in the House. No hon. Member will **be allowed** to speak and if any hon. Member wants to speak he will have to go out of the House. The remark of the Hon. Minister is a slur on the Speaker. It means that I am not able to control the House."

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The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, But the experience was that single-teacher schools were not functioning properly. That was why an attempt was made to convert all the single-teacher schools into two-teacher schools. But here also it is only a beginning and it will be stabilized by the appointment of additional teachers."

Steamer service to the Laccadives.

* 1482 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a steamer service to the Laccadives has been started; and

(*b*) if so, the number of ships that go to the island?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" மத்திய சர்க்காரை இம்மாதிரி கப்பல் கட்டுவதற்குப் பணம் வேண்டுமென்று நம் சர்க்கார் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் போலிருக்கிறது. அதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு கப்பல் கட்டுவதற்கு வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கையை சர்க்கார் எடுப்பார்களா? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து பணம் வந்தவுடன் இதுபற்றிய விஷயம் யோசிக்கப்படும்."